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Romans Victorian House-Pembroke Farm

c. 1860

Architecturally, the Roman House dates to the 3rd quarter of the 19th Century. Its ell shape, narrow stove stacks, and bay window are exterior features that are typically found with such buildings. This time period coincides with Joseph A. and Samuel T. Roman's ownership of Pembroke which began in the 1850's, when they bought the property from Absalom Roman.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

File #818

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

~~Pembroke~~ **Pembroke Farms - Romans Victorian**

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

R. D. #1

CITY, TOWN

Pilot Town

\* VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

John Bruce

Telephone #: 378-4255

STREET &amp; NUMBER

R. D. #1

CITY, TOWN

Pilot Town

\* VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21918

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: WAS 109

Folio #: 8

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Romans Victorian House c. 1860 is located in the fork of two roads just north of Pilot Town crossroads. This 2½ story ell plan has an east/west axis with the main entrance on the north side. Successive alterations and additions have been made both inside and out, but its Victorian character is still apparent. A single story kitchen wing was added on the northeast corner of the structure. The main entrance was also switched from the west to the north side of the house.

The main block of the house is 2½ stories high and 3 bays by 2. <sup>There is</sup> A steep pitch to the composition tile roof and interior end stretcher bond chimneys. The house rests on a typical uncoursed stone foundation, and is sheathed with narrow weatherboard.

The north facade is three bays across with the front door occupying the central bay. The 1/1 sash has plain surrounds and extended lintels. The shutters are paneled on the first floor and louvered on the second. There is no cornice and the eaves are open. The front porch and kitchen date from the 20th century.

The west gable end, which used to possess the main entrance is composed of two bays, the southern bay having been the door. There are no shutters on any of the windows. Two attic windows flank the chimney and are a 1/1 sash. The eaves are extended on the gable ends and they remain open.

The south side of this house differs from the north in that a 2½ story bay window is located on the eastern most end. The bay addition has a gabled roof and a 1/1 arched sash at the attic level. The 1/1 sash remain on the south side without shutters.

The east gable end differs slightly from its counterpart in that the gable end is decorated with fishscale shingles and louvered shutters on the second floor. The first floor level has the continuation of the 20th century kitchen addition.

The interior has retained its original Victorian woodwork despite its altered orientation. The Victorian square pillar newel with the round finial is still intact. The window and door surrounds are fluted with bulls eye-corner blocks.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

## SPECIFIC DATES

## BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Romans Victorian House remains architecturally significant since it provides an excellent example for the development of the Conowingo Area in the late 19th century. The Victorian house is on the property known as "Pembroke," an early tract dating back to the 18th Century and comprising a good deal of the nearby land. With the development of Pilot Town in the late 19th century and the influx of people at the same time more housing was needed. The only property available was obviously that which was being farmed and therefore subject to division. This holds true in most areas where there is a late 18th or early 19th century structure. ~~Most of the other housing dates from the late 19th or early 20 centuries.~~

The Roman House also retains its 19th Century architectural character since some of its period detailing remains intact. Although the orientation of the house has been altered, the basic integrity of the building has remained.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

DATE

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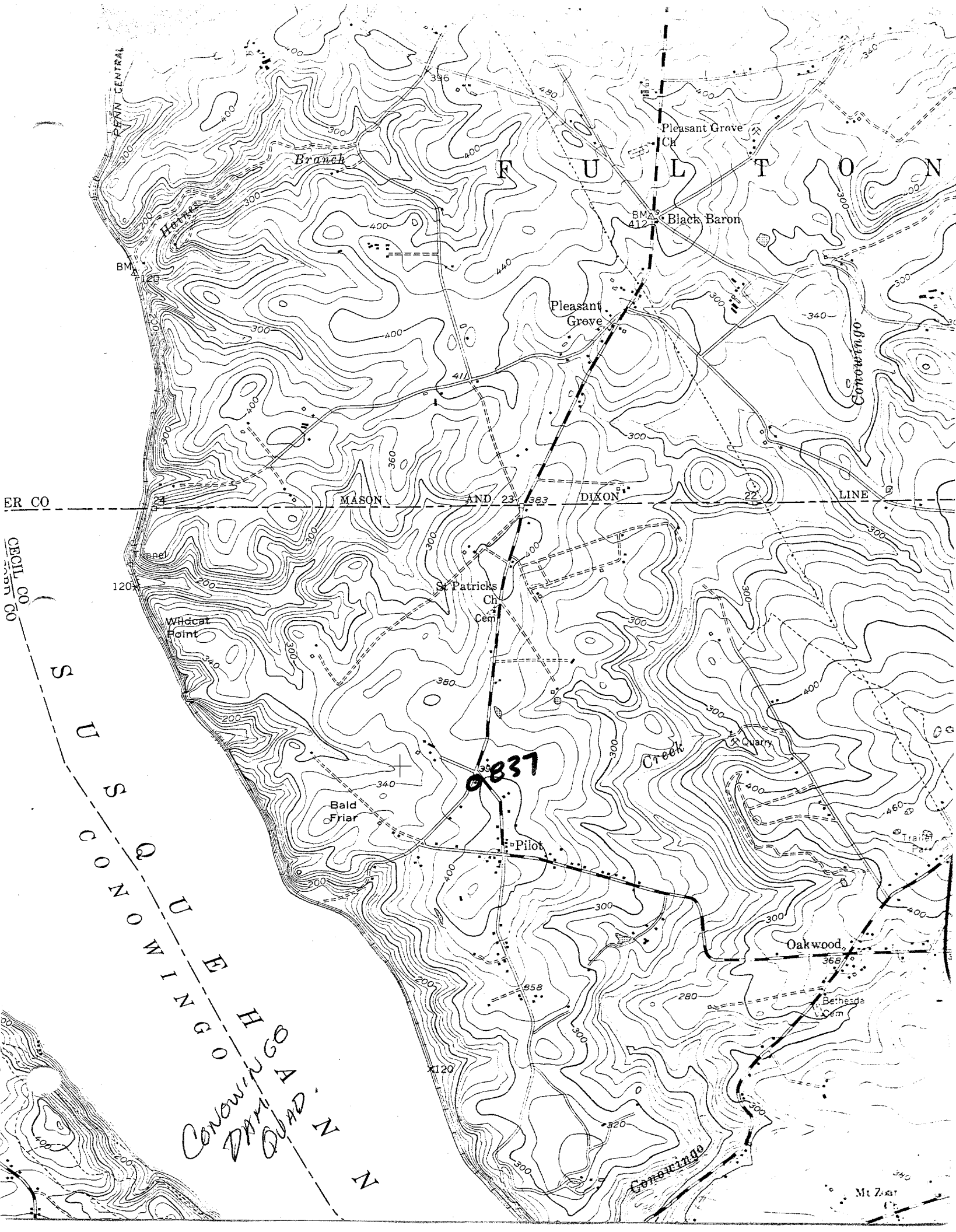
STATE

Maryland

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St. Patrick's Ch  
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PILOT TOWN, MD.

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CE. 537

ROMANS VICTORIAN HOUSE  
SOUTH ELEVATION  
MR PILOT TOWN, MD.

3/80 PBT  
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